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A LITTLE FRENZIED FINANCE

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SOME PEOPLE STILL BELIEVE IN SIGNS

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More Than a Reservoir

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by having a sheet made out, with his name, unit and other details given, and blank spaces for all the departments he will pass through.

After telling how much he was paid last and when, and straightening out his allotments and insurance, he takes the veneral examination and passes to the medical examiners, by whom he is graded A. B. C or D. If necessary a date is set when he will be notified to appear before the board again for regrading.

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From the medical officers, he goes to the vocational classification room. Here he is questioned as on his calling in civil life by a series of questions under a system devised by Thomas A. Edison.

Grading of Discharged Patients

Main Task Classification

High on a hill looking away toward the River Loire across a valley to the walls of a castle in which some of the darkest and most momentous deeds of French history were canacted, is a great walled camp, where the military fair of thousands of American soldiers is being decided every week.

The only American Army classification camp at France at Blois, is the clearing bouse for soldiers—officers and enlisted men—who for any reason are detached from units in which they came to France and are going through the army machinery that will place then back in their original unit, in another military organization, or return them to the States as unfit for further military duty in France.

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There is one lieutenant in charge of all this entrance work, but all the details are handled by enlisted men—most of them privates.

Schools for trpists and stenographers are maintained at the camp, and it is planned to provide other special training.

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Many special units are formed at the Blois camp. Prisoner of war guard companies are made up here, and special types of labor companies are also organized.

More Than a Reservoir But Blois is more than a reservoir, with one gate open for incoming men and another for outgoing. For within the walls of the old French barracks enclosure there is a system with a soul, which attempts to appraise every individual soldier, weigh his worth to Uncle Sam and send him out to serve where he is best inted. Except on direct orders from head-quarters, where a company commander has requested that a man fit for immediate duty at his original status be returned to that unit, the men discharged from the classification camp go to replacement camps where the assignments are made. ADOPTED PARENT **NOW BENEFICIARY**

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Officers ordinarily receive their assignments to duty through headquarters.

S.O.S. In general their life at the camp is practically the same as that of the enlisted men. They must stand reveille at 6 a.m. and answer special roll calls at 8:30 and 1:30. Lights in all quarters must be out at 9:30 p.m., and all officers are required to be in quarters by 11 p.m. Officers also must read the lists of bulletins posted on a board seven times day, waiting for their own assignment to appear. Amendment to War Risk **Act Also for Alimony**

Payers

A father or mother by legal adoption may now be made the beneficiary of a soldier's war risk insurance, under an amendment to rules announced by the War Risk Section. S.O.S.

The amendment enables many soldiers to change beneficiaries. Many, having been unable to name their adopted parents, had permitted their insurance to remain in force only as a protection for themselves against total or permanent disability or had named some other beneficiary. Many, on being informed of the incligibility of the adopted parent, have permitted their insurance to lapse. If not more than six months have elapsed, these applications may be rematated upon payment of back premiums and notification to the War Risk Section. The principal function of the Biois camp, however, is the physical grading of soldiers, mostly those discharged from hospituls. Classifications are under four main divisions, several of which are subdivided. They are:—
Class A.—Men fit for the front.
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Class C.I. C2 and C3.—Gradings for convalescents who would ordinarily be unfitted for Class A.
Class D.—Physically unft. * To be returned to States.
These classifications are the ones which are relied upon at the replacement camps in making assignments. They are made when the man enters the classification camp. And entering the classification camp is some complicated but speedy job.
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Another change in this fetales to payments to soldiers' divorced wives who have been awarded alimony decrees. It provides that if a soldier has had a decree of alimony entered against him and has remarried, the amount of the alimony will not be deducted from his pay, provided he has a compulsory alloment in favor of his wife.

There the new rule, bowever, the Government undertakes to pay a divorced wife who has been awarded alimony an allowance equal to the amount of alimony decreed, but not exceeding \$15 a month.

A third revision of rules specifies that where there has been a change in the family conditions resulting in a change of the amount of allowance paid by the insurance bureau, the amount of payment for any one month shall be determined according to family conditions existing on the first day of that month.

tion camp is some complicated but speedy job.

The men arriving at the camp usually show considerable wear. Most of them have had long train journeys and their clothing is old and worn, their faces; grimy and unshaven. They feel just as they look. They are lined up for envollment in an entrance company. They present their service records and any other credentials, and give information resourced. other credentials, and give information required.

Then the men are passed through a string of barracks buildings. They go in at one end, dirty and unkempt. They come out at the other end, newly dressed, clean shaven, with trimmed hair, and with that springy feeling of a man just bathed. And in those buildings they have told all their troubles, all the vicissitudes of their Army lifenced in the court martial that was an accident and the family worries back home—and they have been looked over by a collection of medical officers.

AFTER THE COURT MARTIAL

No. 1.—What's the answer, Jack? No. 2.—Two-thirds o' three months ind two months in the brig. and two months in the brig.

No. 1.—Not so bad as three-thirds o' The work of sending the men through is handled with the expedition of a welt-ordered assembling room of an automobile factory. The soldier tells something or acquires, semething almost at every step. He starts near the entrance

two months'.

No. 2 (after figuring deeply).—Why not?

No. 1.—'Cause they might permote you in the brig.

COMBIEN ISAT IN HIS YOCABULARY WE ADMIT ITS HARD TO GET USED TO

HOW MUCH IS THAT I'M MONEY S

HOW THE YANK IS FARING IN ITALY

If you do not know what "Esercito Americano" means, it is because you belong to that somewhat larger fraction of the A.E.F. which is visiting France rather than Italy. If your adventures in Latin ever carried you as far as Caesar's Commentaries, you may remember that that early Roman Foch was forever assembling an exercitus and going forth to conquer somebody with it. "Esercito Americano" is simply American Army as written in a fine Italian hand.

The A.E.F. in Italy is some three mouths old and is just about as fluent in Italian as the A.E.F. in France was fluent in French about this time last year. It has been going through the same pathetic struggles on the question of whether to turn to the left or right, whether to try to order two fried eggs or trust to luck.

Aside from the fact that the doughboy in Italy says "bon giorno" when he means "bon jour," and says "prosto" when he means "bon iour," and says "prosto" when he means "bon iour," and says "prosto" when he means "tour de suite," he is not greatly different. Indeed, he is remodeling the helpless Italian language pretty much as France's toague has been altered by the Yauks.

Instead of saying "buona sera" when he means "good evening," he says "bon Sarrah," and gets away with it. Does he as y "A rividerc!" for "Au revoir"? He does not. He says: "I leave you dirty." As for "come state," which is Italian for "how are you," he says

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Eggs are safer. Order "due uove fritte." That's easy. Or "due uove alla cocca." But would you recognize "nove in frittata" as an omelette?

"Caffé nero" will do to wind up the meal. But bring your own sugar.

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